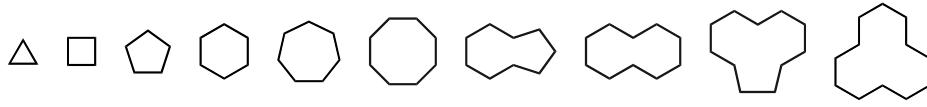
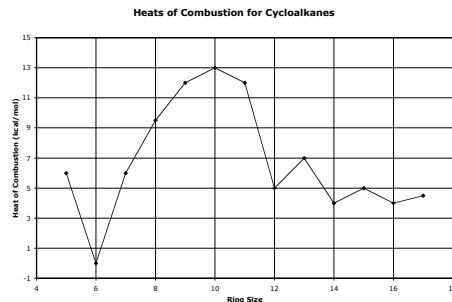


## Classification of Medium-Sized Rings



**Medium Rings**



Rings containing 12 or more atoms fall into the large ring category.

Rings containing 17 or more atoms are so large they are barely distinguishable from their acyclic analogs.

## The Difficulty with Medium-Sized Rings

### ENTROPY

#### Kinetic Implications:

The probability of an end to end reaction in a bifunctional linear chain molecule decreases as the length of the chain increases

Torsional degrees of freedom are limited by the ring-like transition state for cyclization

#### Thermodynamic Implications:

The product cycle limits the number of torsional degrees of freedom between covalently bonded groups compared to the linear chain molecule

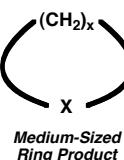
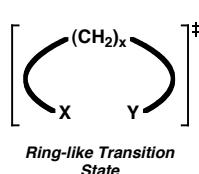
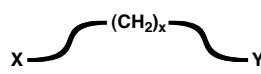
### ENTHALPY

#### Kinetic Implications:

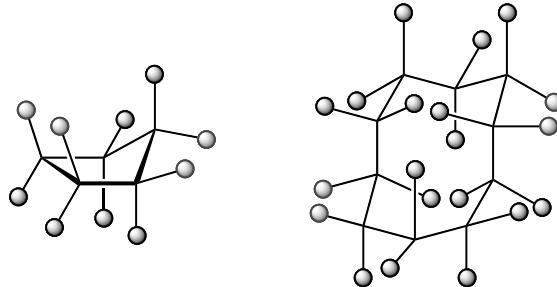
The activation energy for ring closure reflects the ring strain of the transition state for cyclization

#### Thermodynamic Implications:

Strain present in the product cycle destabilizes medium-sized rings



## *Origins of Ring Strain in Medium-Sized Rings*

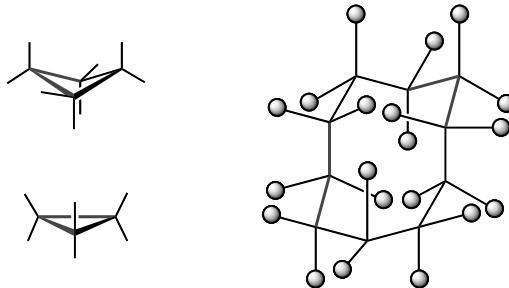


**Bond Opposition Forces (also known as Pitzer strain)**

**The result of unfavorable eclipsing interactions in a given conformation**

**Dominant source of strain for common rings (5-, 6-, 7-membered rings)**

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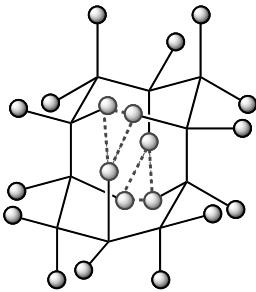


**Bond Angle Distortion (also known as Baeyer strain)**

**Often broken down into two categories: small angle and large angle strain**

**Dominant source of strain for small rings (3- and 4-membered rings)**

## *Origins of Ring Strain in Medium-Sized Rings*



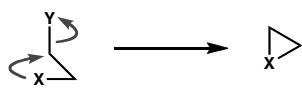
Transannular Orbital Interactions

Often confused with van der Waal radii compression  
Results from unfavorable steric interactions between groups that lie  
across the ring from one another

Cannot be avoided in medium-sized rings without adding severe torsional and bond  
angle distortion!  
Elimination of transannular interactions comes at the cost of minimized  
Baeyer and Pitzer strains

## *Entropy vs. Enthalpy*

For small ring formations:



- Large enthalpic cost (Pitzer and Baeyer strain) in the transition state and product cycle
- Relatively small entropic cost in the transition state with significant entropic cost in the product cycle due to loss of torsional degrees of freedom

## Entropy vs. Enthalpy

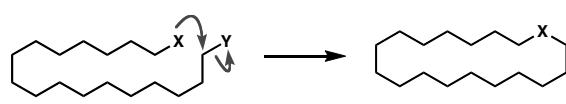
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For large ring formations:



- Small enthalpic cost

- Large entropic cost in the transition state but little to no entropic cost in the product cycle

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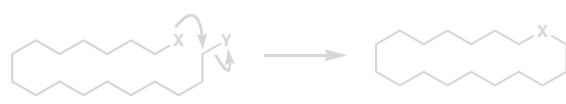
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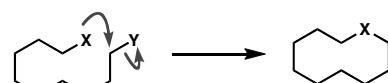
For large ring formations:



- Small enthalpic cost

- Large entropic cost in the transition state but little to no entropic cost in the product cycle

For medium ring formations:



- Very large enthalpic cost due to transannular interactions in the transition state and product

- Substantial entropic cost in the transition state with smaller entropic costs in the product cycle

## ***Quantitative Evaluation of Cyclization Reactions: Effective Molarity***

***Effective Molarity (EM): Quantitative measure of the ease of ring closure***

***For studies of reaction rates:***

$$EM = k_{intra}/k_{inter} \quad (1)$$

***For equilibrium studies:***

$$EM = K_{intra}/K_{inter} \quad (2)$$

***In case that's not enough math:***

$$EM = e^{[-(\Delta H_{intra} - \Delta H_{inter})/RT]} \cdot e^{[(\Delta S_{intra} - \Delta S_{inter})/R]} \quad (3)$$

***$\Delta H$  and  $\Delta S$  should be read as  $\Delta H^\circ$  and  $\Delta S^\circ$  (equilibrium case) and  $\Delta H^\ddagger$  and  $\Delta S^\ddagger$  (rate case)  
(derived from applying either TS theory or thermodynamics to Eq. 1 and 2)***

***But we can make Eq. 3 easier to handle:***

$$EM = EM_H \times EM_S \quad (4)$$

***Bottom line: Enthalpy and Entropy independently affect the ease of ring closure***

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## ***Quantitative Evaluation of Cyclization Reactions: Effective Molarity***

***The EM for a system represents an intramolecular reactivity that has been corrected for the inherent reactivity of the end groups***

***Just a few comments on Eq. 3:***

$$EM = e^{[-(\Delta H_{intra} - \Delta H_{inter})/RT]} \cdot e^{[(\Delta S_{intra} - \Delta S_{inter})/R]} \quad (3)$$

***$(\Delta H^\circ_{intra} - \Delta H^\circ_{inter})$  = strain energy of the ring***

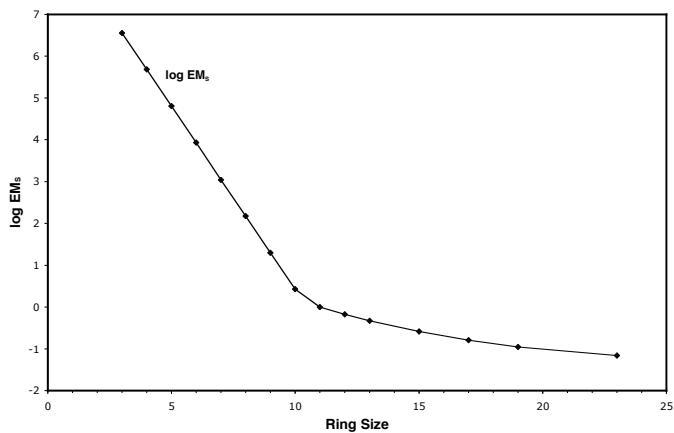
***$(\Delta H^\ddagger_{intra} - \Delta H^\ddagger_{inter})$  = strain energy of the ring-shaped TS***

***$(\Delta S_{intra} - \Delta S_{inter})$  depends solely on the number of skeletal bonds  
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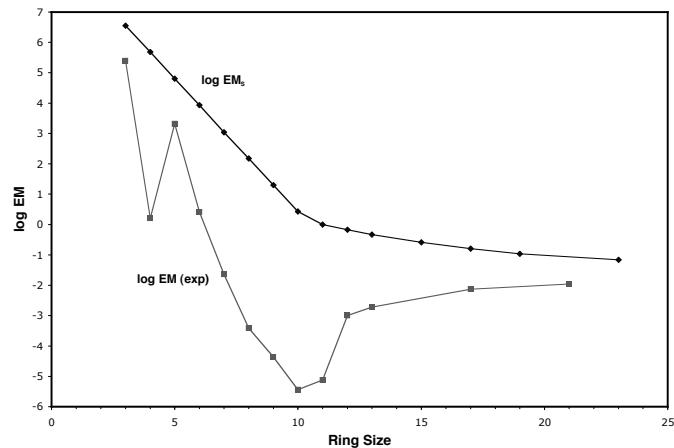
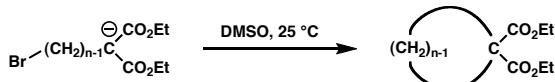
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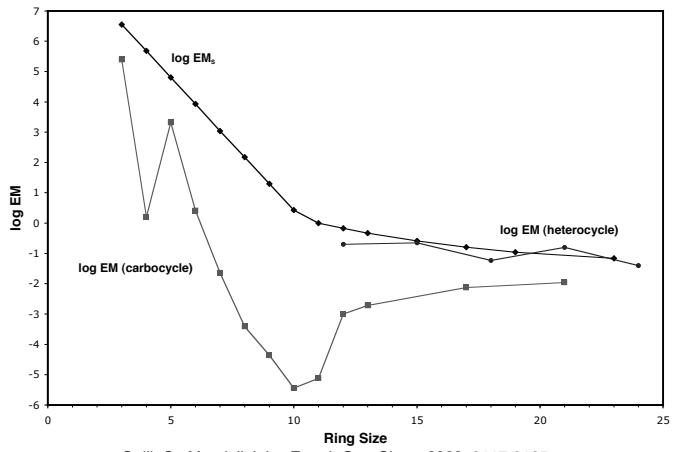
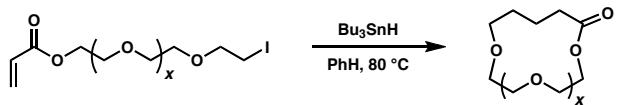
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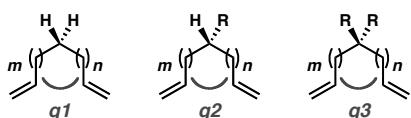
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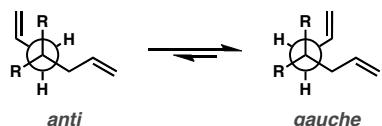
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### Thorpe-Ingold Effect

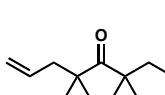


$$q1 > q2 > q3$$

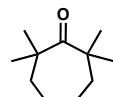
### Gem-Dialkyl Effect



Schrock Metathesis Catalyst → Oligomers



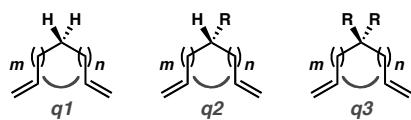
Schrock Metathesis Catalyst → (95% yield)



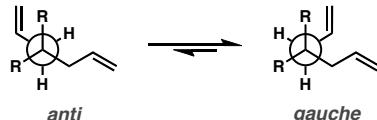
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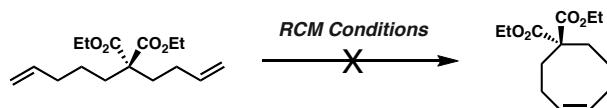
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*Gem-Dialkyl Effect*



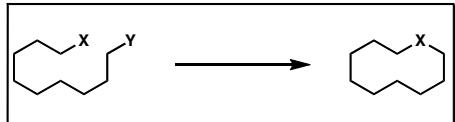
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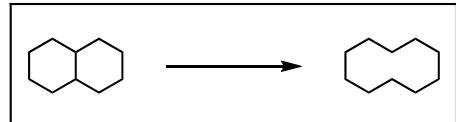
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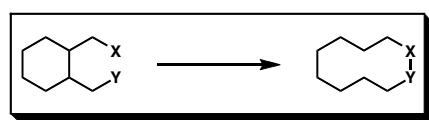
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*Fragmentation Reactions*



*including ionic and radical processes*

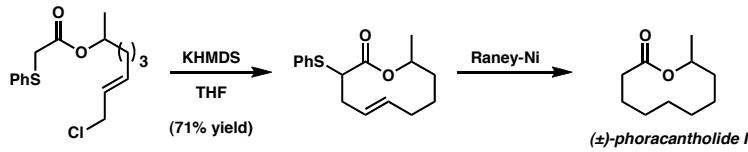
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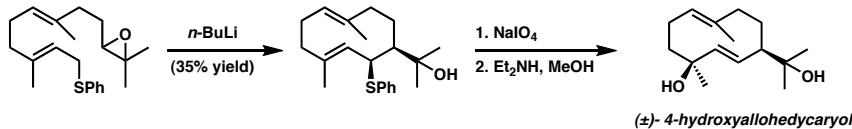
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## Macrocyclization Methods

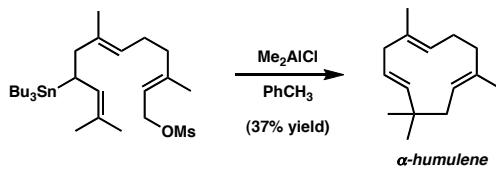
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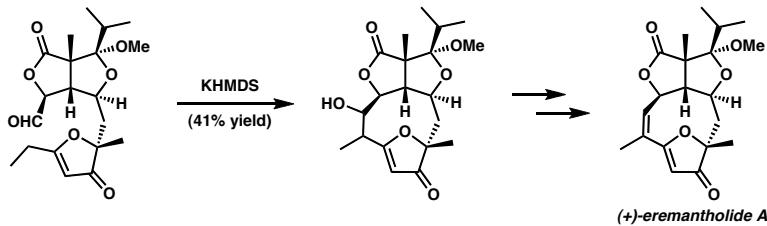
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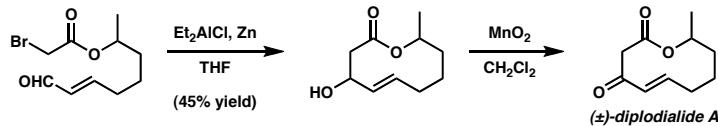
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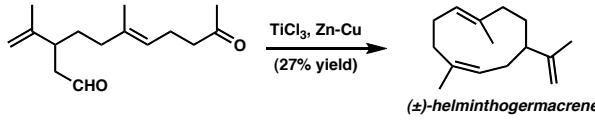
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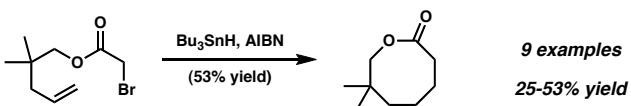
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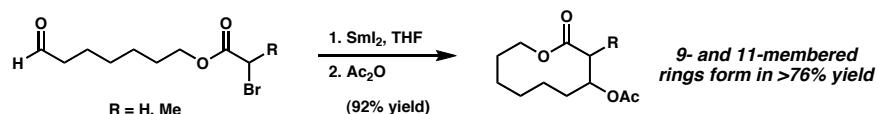
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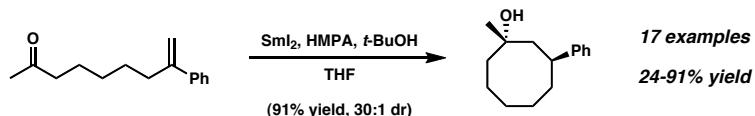
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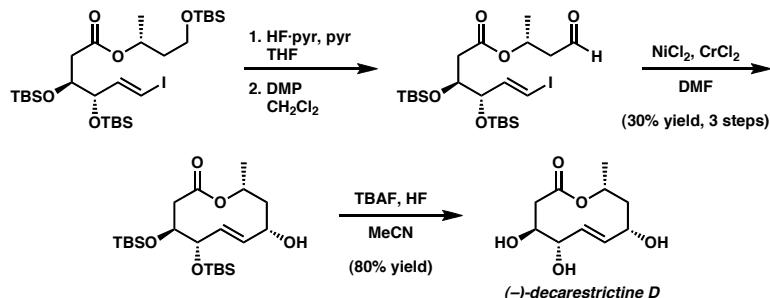


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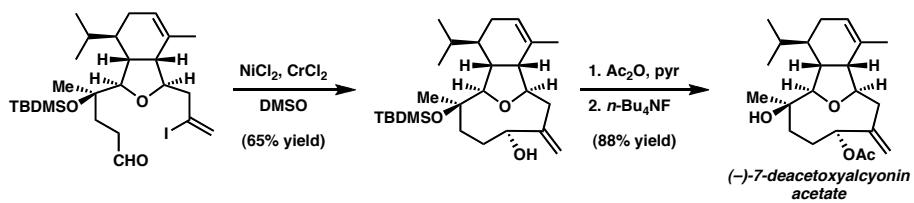


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## Macrocyclization Methods: The Nozaki-Hiyama-Kishi Reaction

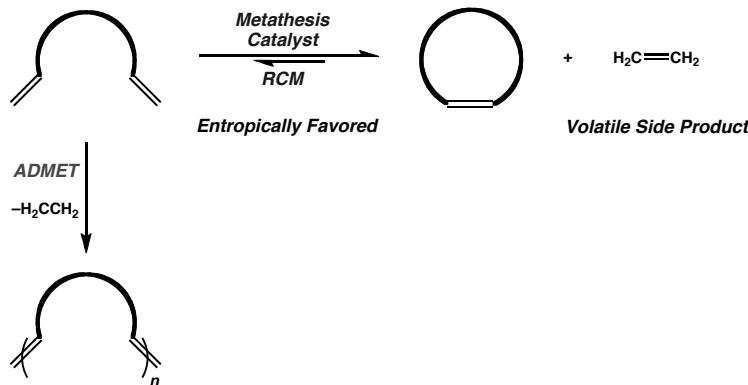


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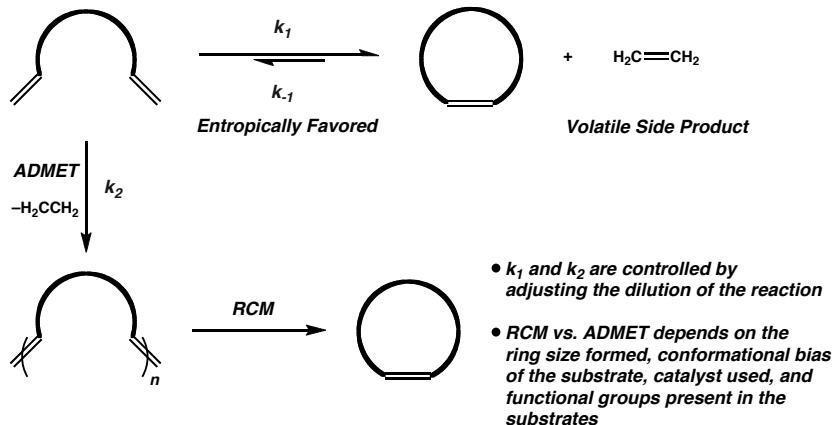
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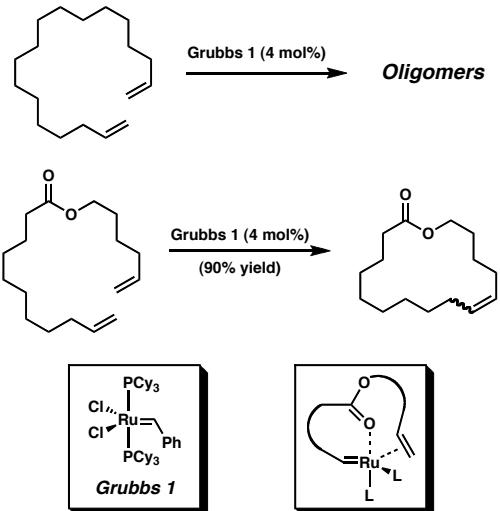
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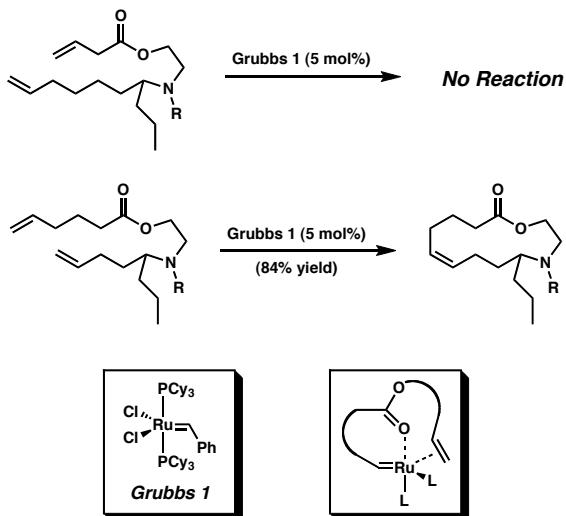
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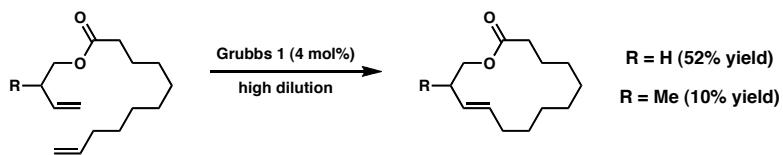
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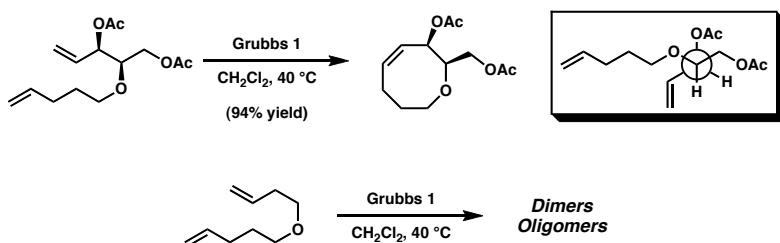
## RCM: Substituent Effects

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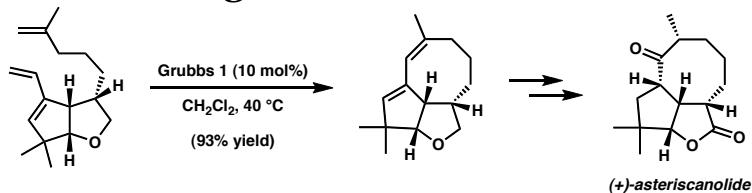
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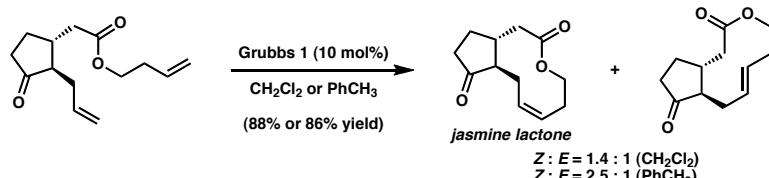


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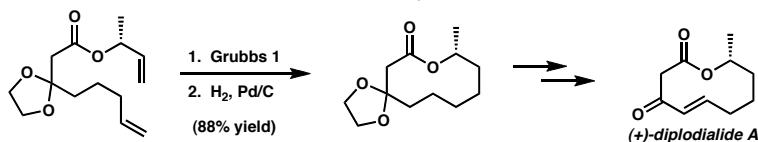
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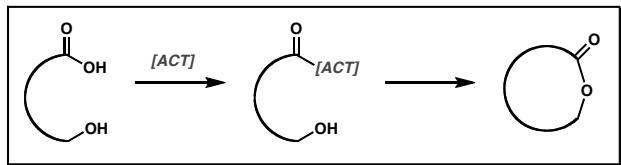
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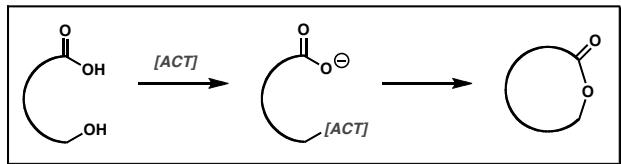
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### Acid Activation



### Alcohol Activation

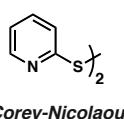
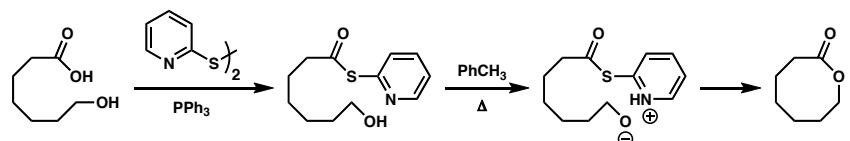


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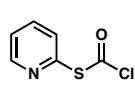
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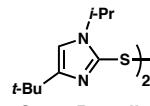
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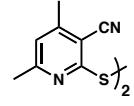
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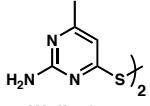
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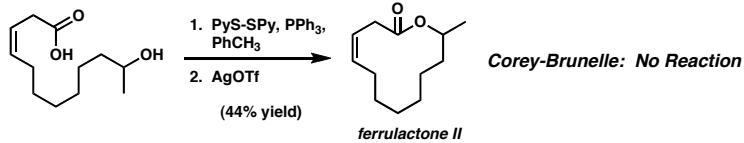


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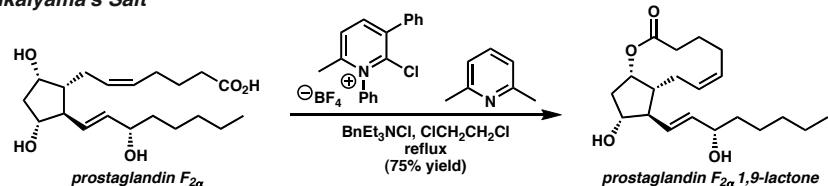


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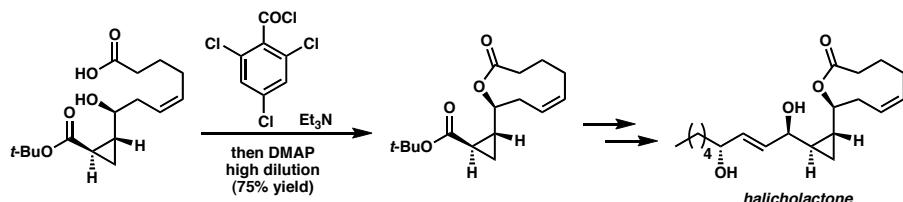
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#### *Mukaiyama's Salt*



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#### *Yamaguchi-Yonemitsu*



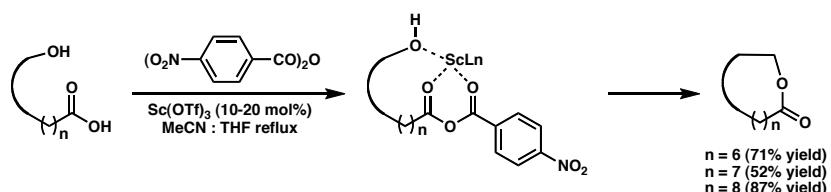
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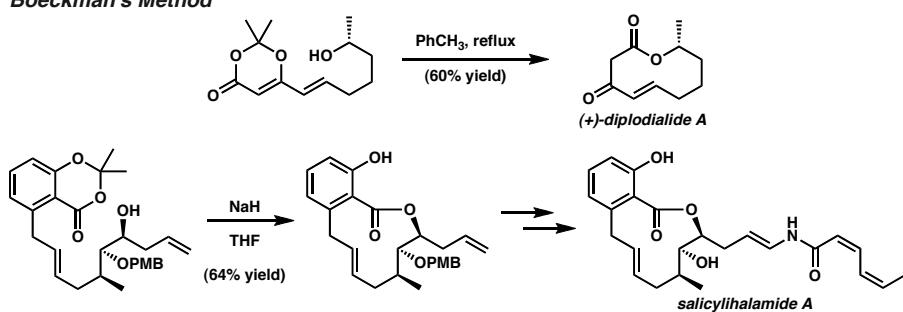
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#### *Yamamoto Lactonization*



#### *Boeckman's Method*

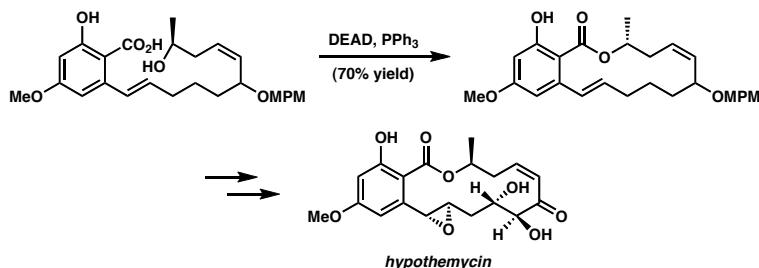


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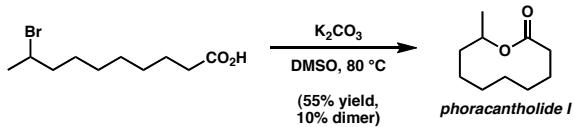
## Macrolactonization Methods

### Alcohol Activation

#### Mitsunobu Reactions

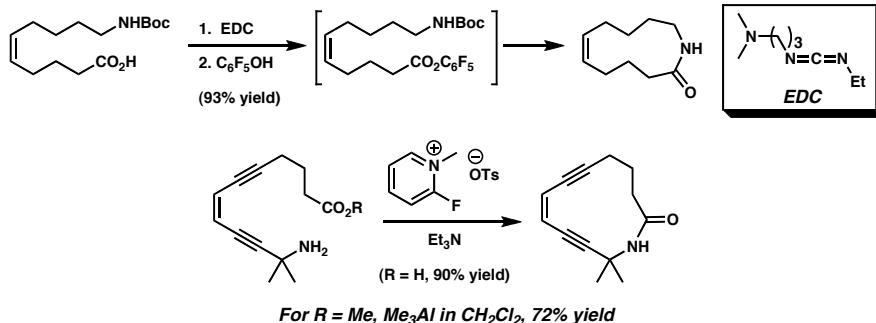


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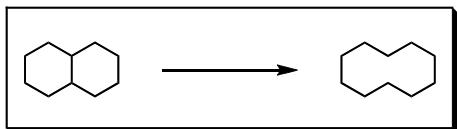
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### Macrocyclization Reactions



including carbocyclizations, macrolactonizations,  
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### Fragmentation Reactions



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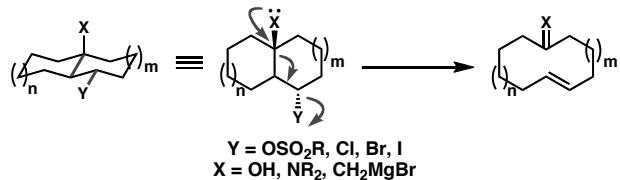
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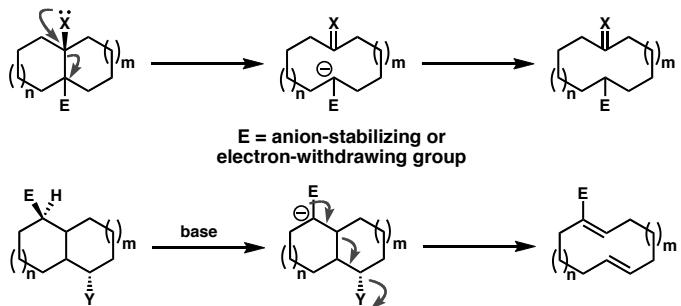
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## The Grob and Wharton Fragmentations

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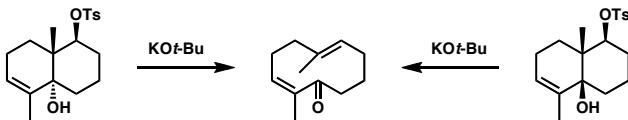
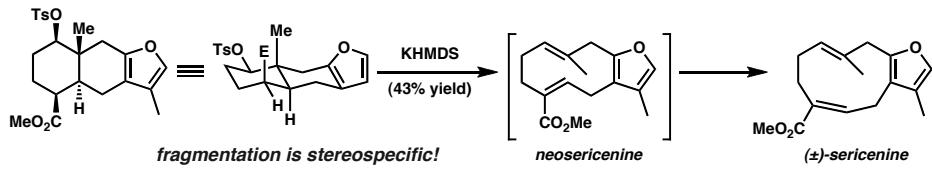


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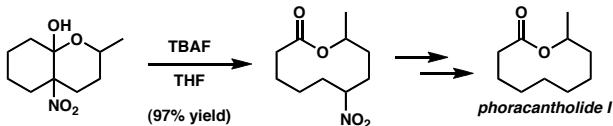


## The Grob and Wharton Fragmentations

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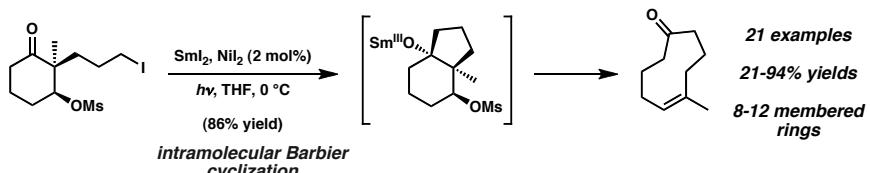
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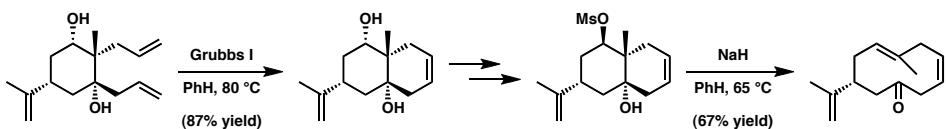
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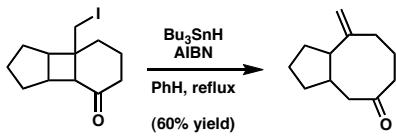


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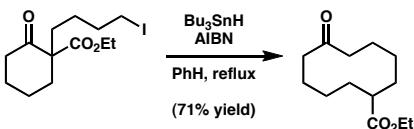


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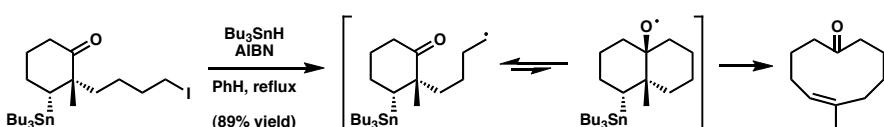
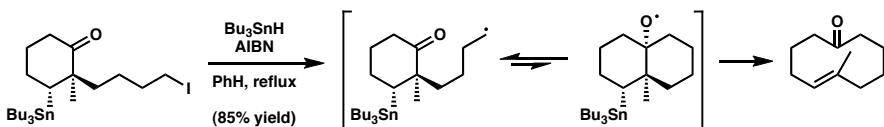
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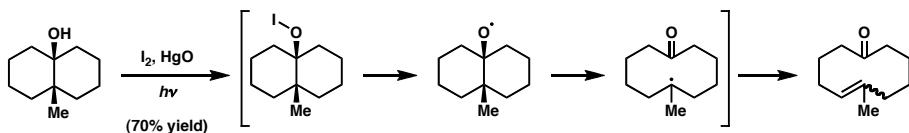
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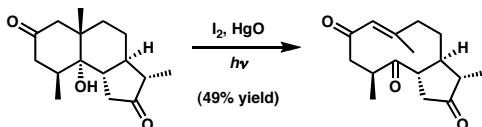
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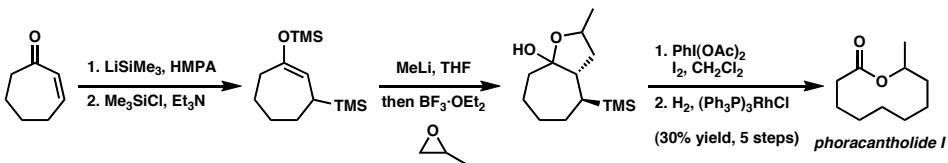
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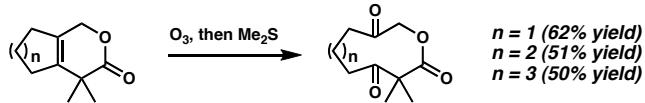


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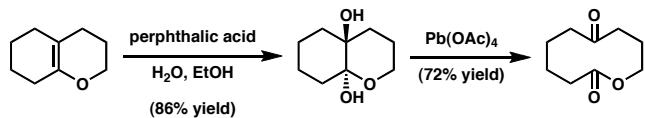


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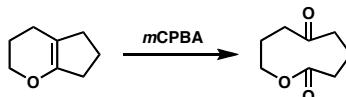
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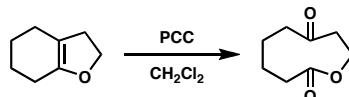
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9-10 membered rings, 50-90% yield



8-12 membered rings, 63-85% yield

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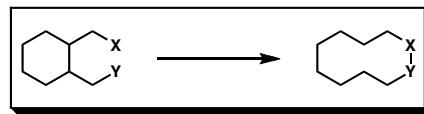
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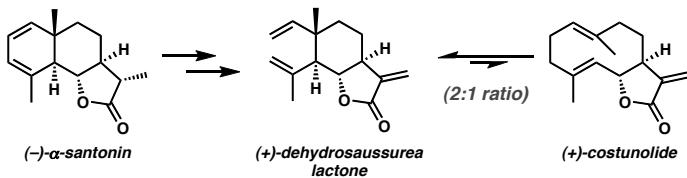
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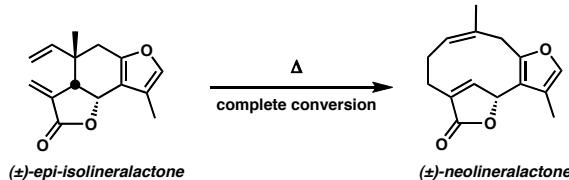
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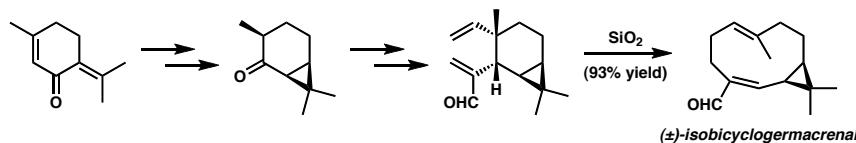
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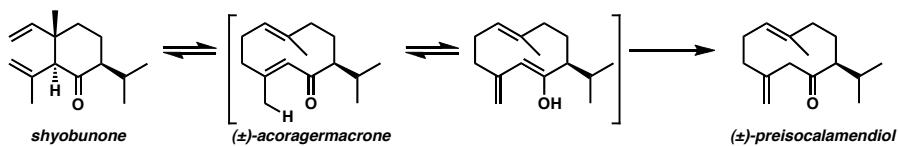
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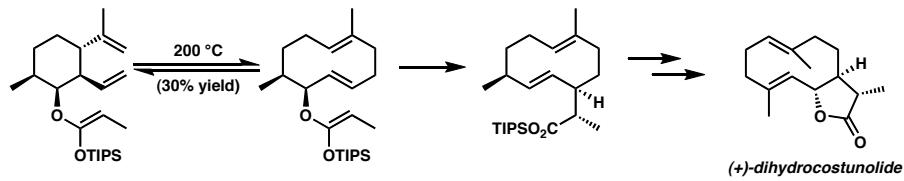
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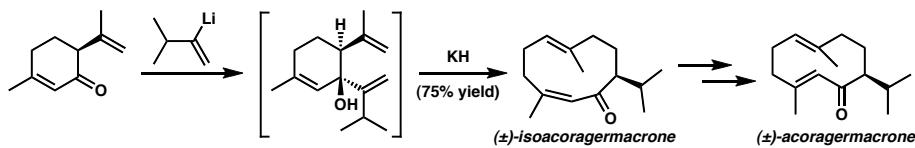


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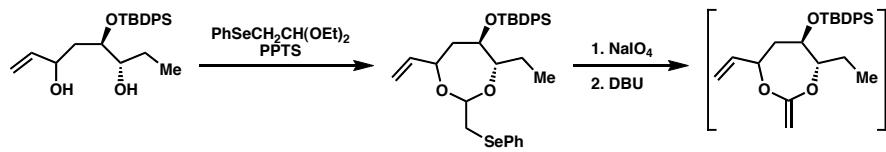
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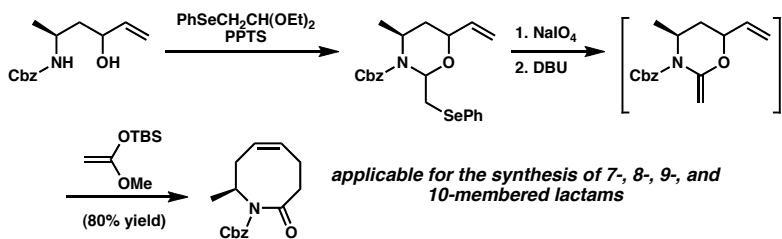
### Claisen Rearrangements



(73% yield)

*applicable for synthesis of 8-, 9-, and 10-membered lactones*

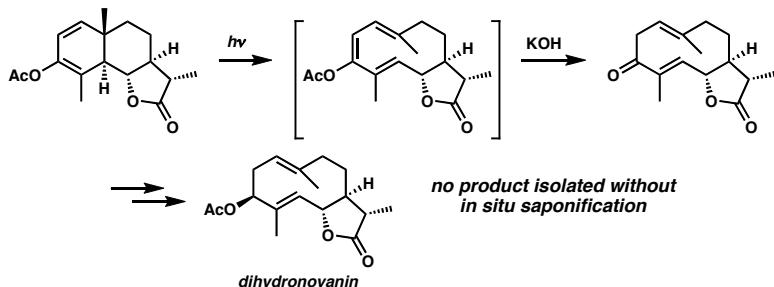
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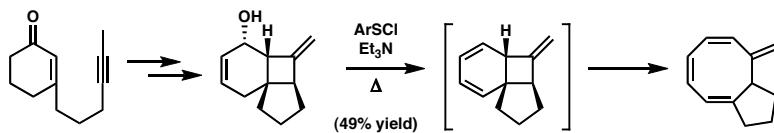
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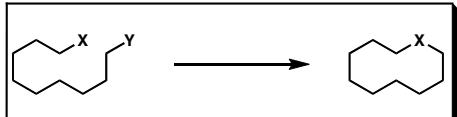
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### *Macrocyclization Reactions*



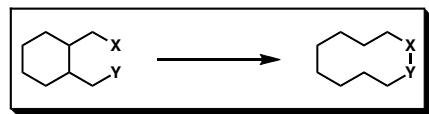
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### *Fragmentation Reactions*



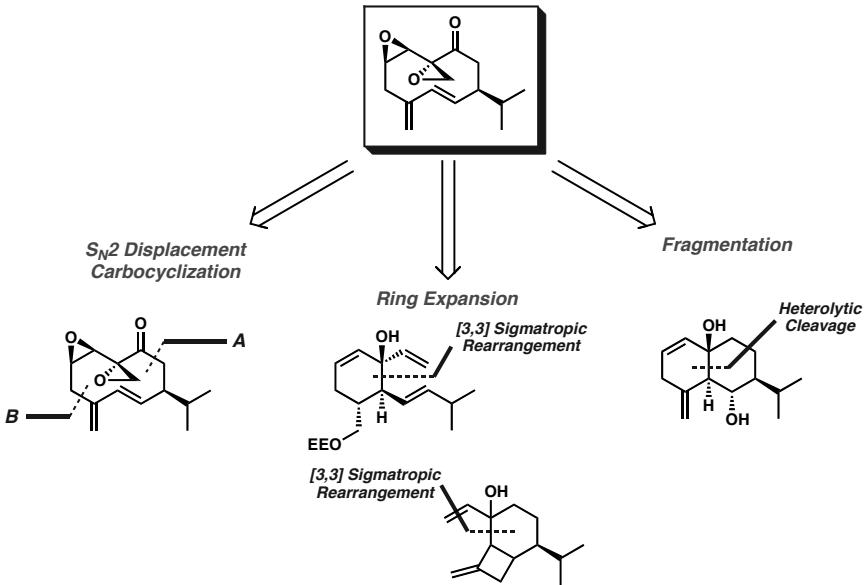
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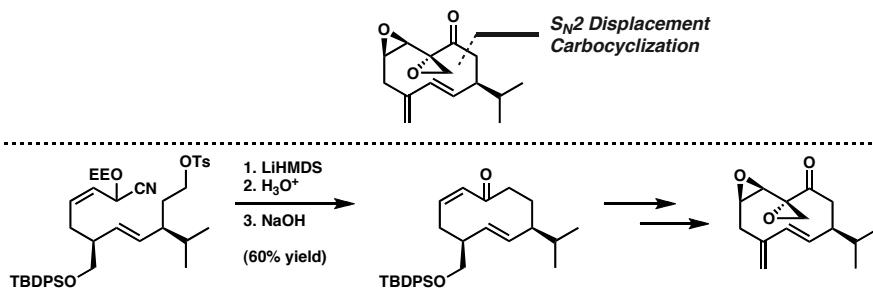


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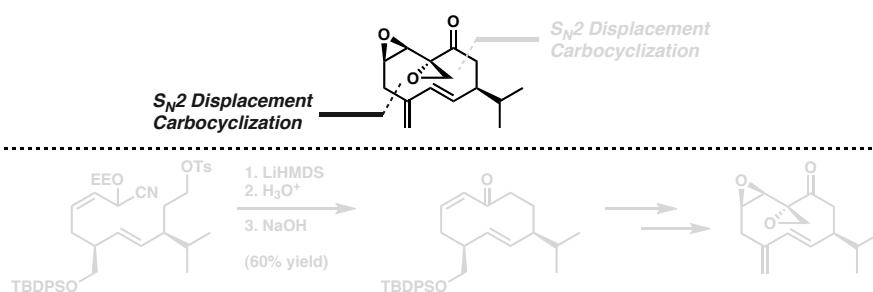


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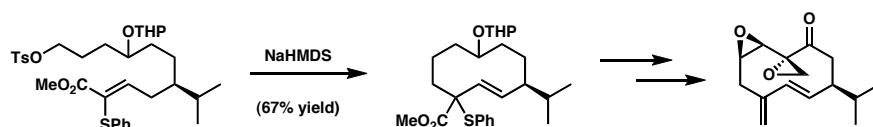


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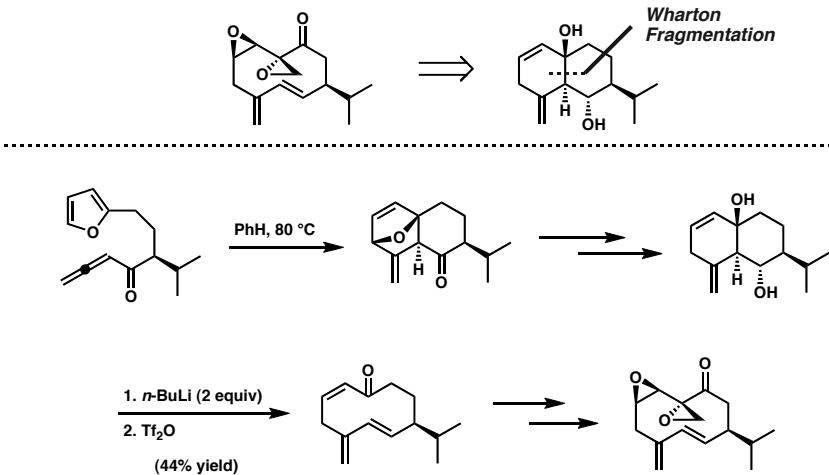


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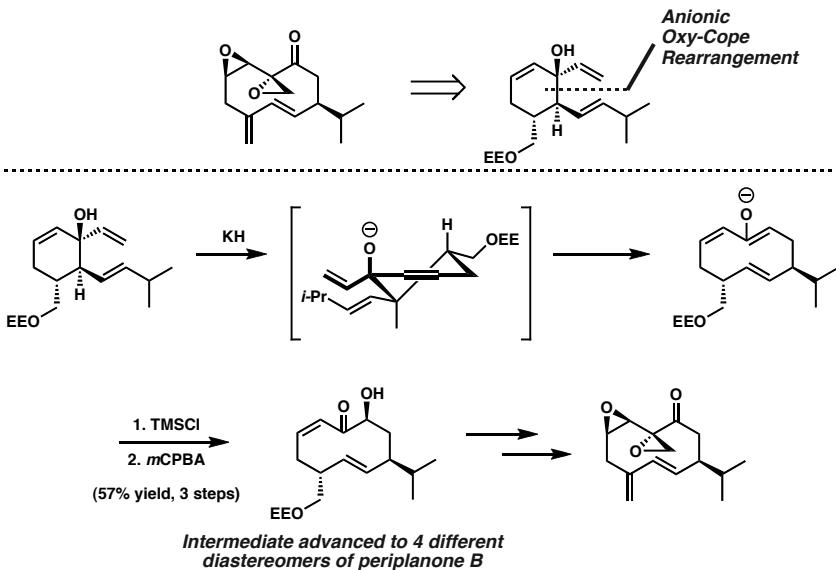
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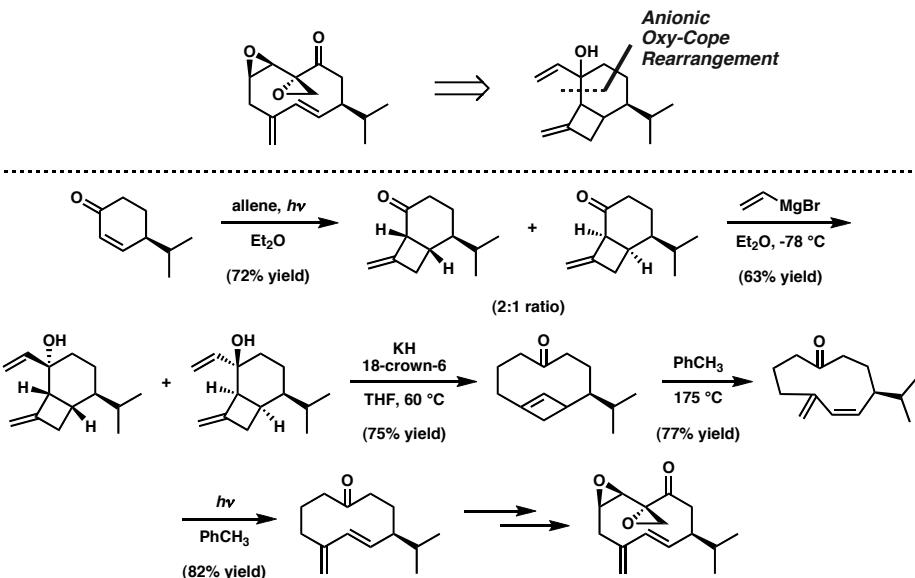
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## Conclusions

